

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of communicating, comprising the steps of:

receiving one or more input commands in a communication device;

outputting instructions in a target language from the communication device in response to a received input command, the instructions request a non-verbal response to a phrase;

receiving a selection of the phrase from a list of phrases in a user's language; and

outputting the phrase in the target language from the communication device.

2. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the step of outputting instructions comprises the step of:

outputting all instructions in a set of instructions.

3. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the step of outputting instructions comprises the step of:

outputting a selection of instructions in a set of instructions.

4. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the step of outputting instructions comprises the step of:

outputting to one of a speaker, built-in on screen display, external on screen display, wireless

interface, universal serial bus, IEEE 1394, infrared interface, and serial interface.

5. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the step of receiving one or more input commands comprises the step of:

receiving one or more input commands from one of a built-in button, external keyboard, internal microphone, wireless interface, universal serial bus, IEEE 1394, infrared interface, and serial interface.

6. A method in accordance with claim 3, wherein the selection of instructions is based on the phrase.

7. A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

displaying a list of responses in the target language; and

receiving a selection of one of the responses.

8. A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

displaying a list of phrase categories in the user's language; and

receiving a selection of one of the phrase categories.

9. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a selection of the phrase further comprises the step of:

receiving a selection of a portion of the phrase from a secondary list.

10. A method in accordance with claim 1, further

comprising the steps of:

- storing text in the user's language corresponding to a custom phrase; and
- storing audio in the target language corresponding to the custom phrase.

11. A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- displaying a list of personal information fields in the user's language; and
- receiving data corresponding to one of the personal information fields.

12. A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- displaying a list of access categories and information fields; and
- receiving a selection to enable or disable one of the information fields for one of the access categories.

13. A method in accordance with claim 12, further comprising the steps of:

- receiving a selection of one of the access categories; and
- displaying the information fields that are enabled for the selected access category.

14. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the instructions further comprise stating a purpose of the communication device.

15. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the instructions further comprise stating how to respond

with a yes or no answer.

16. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the instructions further comprise stating how to respond to a request for directions.

17. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the instructions further comprise stating how to respond to a request for a number.

18. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the instructions further comprise stating how to respond to a request for time.

19. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the instructions further comprise stating how to choose from a list of possible answers.

20. An apparatus for communicating comprising:
input controls for receiving commands from a user;
a speaker; and
a processing system configured to play instructions in a target language from the speaker in response to interaction with the input controls, wherein the instructions request a non-verbal response to a phrase;
the processing system further configured to receive a selection of the phrase from a list of phrases in a user's language and to play the phrase in the target language from the speaker.

21. An apparatus in accordance with claim 20, wherein the processing system is further configured to

play all instructions in a set of instructions.

22. An apparatus in accordance with claim 20, wherein the processing system is further configured to play a selection of instructions in a set of instructions.

23. An apparatus in accordance with claim 20, wherein the processing system is further configured to display a list of responses in the target language and receive a selection of one of the responses.

24. An apparatus in accordance with claim 20, wherein the processing system is further configured to display a list of phrase categories in the user's language and receive a selection of one of the phrase categories.

25. An apparatus in accordance with claim 20, wherein the processing system is further configured to receive a selection of a portion of the phrase from a secondary list.

26. An apparatus in accordance with claim 20, wherein the processing system is further configured to:
store text in the user's language corresponding to a custom phrase; and
store audio in the target language corresponding to the custom phrase.

27. An apparatus in accordance with claim 20, wherein the processing system is further configured to:
display a list of personal information fields in the user's language; and

receive data corresponding to one of the personal information fields.

28. An apparatus in accordance with claim 20, wherein the processing system is further configured to:
display a list of access categories and information fields; and

receive a selection to enable or disable one of the information fields for one of the access categories.

29. An apparatus in accordance with claim 20, wherein the processing system is further configured to:

receive a selection of one of the access categories; and

display the information fields that are enabled for the selected access category.

30. An apparatus in accordance to claim 20, further comprising:

a headphone connector.

31. An apparatus in accordance to claim 20, wherein the instructions further comprise a description of how the apparatus is to be used.

32. An apparatus in accordance to claim 20, wherein the instructions further comprise instructions on answering a yes or no question.

33. An apparatus in accordance to claim 20, wherein the instructions further comprise instructions on how to give directions.

34. An apparatus in accordance to claim 20, wherein

the instructions further comprise instructions on how to respond to a request for numbers.

35. An apparatus in accordance to claim 20, wherein the instructions further comprise instructions on how to choose an answer from a list of answers.

36. An apparatus in accordance to claim 20, wherein the instructions further comprise instructions on answering a yes or no question.

37. A method of communicating, comprising the steps of:

- receiving one or more input commands in a communication device;
- storing text in a user's language corresponding to a custom phrase;
- storing audio in a target language corresponding to the custom phrase;
- receiving a selection of the custom phrase from a list of phrases in the user's language; and
- outputting the custom phrase in the target language from the communication device.

38. A method in accordance with claim 37, further comprising the steps of:

- displaying a list of phrase categories in the user's language; and
- receiving a selection of one of the phrase categories.

39. A method in accordance with claim 38, wherein the step of receiving a selection further comprises receiving a selection of a custom phrase category.

40. A method in accordance with claim 37, further comprising the step of:

receiving a selection of a portion of the custom phrase from a secondary list.

41. A method in accordance with claim 37, further comprising the step of:

receiving the audio in the target language through a microphone.

42. A method in accordance with claim 37, further comprising the step of:

receiving input commands in the communication device corresponding to the text in the user's language.

43. An apparatus for communicating comprising:
input controls for receiving commands from a user;

a speaker; and
a processing system configured to store text in a user's language corresponding to a custom phrase and to store audio in a target language corresponding to the custom phrase;

the processing system further configured to receive a selection of the custom phrase from a list of phrases in the user's language and to play the custom phrase in the target language from the speaker.

44. An apparatus in accordance with claim 43, wherein the processing system is further configured to:

display a list of phrase categories in the user's language; and

receive a selection of one of the phrase

categories.

45. An apparatus in accordance with claim 44, wherein the list of phrase categories includes a custom phrase category.

46. An apparatus in accordance with claim 43, wherein the processing system is further configured to receive a selection of a custom phrase category.

47. An apparatus in accordance with claim 43, wherein the processing system is further configured to receive a selection of a portion of the custom phrase from a secondary list.

48. An apparatus in accordance with claim 43, further comprising:
a microphone;
wherein the processing system is further configured to receive the audio in the target language through the microphone.

49. A method of communicating, comprising the steps of:

storing personal information in a communication device using a user's language; and
outputting the information from the communication device in a target language.

50. A method in accordance with claim 49, wherein the step of outputting the information is access controlled by the user.

51. A method in accordance with claim 50, wherein

the access categories controlled by the user are selected from one or more of name, age, birth date, current date and time, company affiliation, address, nationality, sex, marital status, customs, family, clothing preferences and sizes, entertainment preferences, tourist preferences, professional background, educational background, hobbies, financial information, travel origination and destination, and food preferences.